

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Dennis Wayne RICE et al.

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CONSOLIDATION SYSTEM/METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 4 of this paper.